

REMARKS

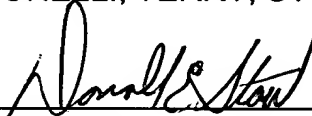
The cancellation of claims 12-17 places the application in condition for allowance in view of the Examiner's indication that claims 1-11 are allowable which is noted with appreciation.

Early allowance of claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (docket no. 0173.38045X00).

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